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# SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS

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## THE HELMINTHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

The twenty-first regular meeting of the society was held at the residence of Mr. Crawley, Sept. 22, 1914, Mr. Crawley acting as host and Mr. Foster as chairman. Dr. R. T. Shields of Nankin, China, was a guest of the Society.

Mr. Crawley gave a demonstration of a Leitz microscope, designating some of the recent improvements.

Dr. Shields gave a talk on the parasites of man and the domestic animals around Nankin.

Mr. Hall reported a second case of *Fasciola magna* in the sheep. The fluke was found in a liver sent in from Ovando, Mont., where a number of sheep had died. These sheep showed black markings of the omentum and abscesses of the liver, lungs or spleen. A spleen that was sent in was very much enlarged and full of what appeared to be embolic bacterial abscesses. *Fasciola magna* in cattle apparently exerts little influence on the health of infested cattle. It is however, rather interesting to note that in this case and in the first case of *Fasciola magna*, reported by Hall in 1912, attention was called to the presence of the parasite by the fact that numbers of sheep were dying in each case. It seems very likely that *Fasciola magna* exerts considerable effect on the general health of infected sheep, even causing death in a rather high percentage of cases, but this is a matter that needs further investigation. In the previous cases the sheep were noted as showing emaciation, edema and peritonitis.

MAURICE C. HALL, *Secretary*.

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## NOTES

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For the purpose of extending the investigations and experimental work relative to the parasites of live stock, the Zoological Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry has obtained a farm near Vienna, Va., where a study will be made of various problems in the control and eradication of the internal parasites of sheep.

The University of Illinois has begun the publication of a quarterly series entitled Illinois Biological Monographs. The first, a double number, is devoted to A Revision of the Cestode Family Proteocephalidae by George R. La Rue. Extended notice will be given this paper in a later number of the JOURNAL.